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57/287. Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

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The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 48/218 B of 29 July 1994 and 54/244 of 23 December 1999,

Recalling also its resolution 56/246 of 24 December 2001,

Having considered the annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services of the Secretariat for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002,[2]

1. *Notes with appreciation* the work of the Office of Internal Oversight Services;

2. *Takes note* of the annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services;[2]

3. *Welcomes* the continuing efforts of the Office of Internal Oversight Services to coordinate its programme with other oversight bodies, including the Board of Auditors and the Joint Inspection Unit;

4. *Stresses* the need for adequate supervision and record-keeping of peacekeeping equipment, proper inventory and internal control systems, sufficient control over mission accounts and compliance with procurement guidelines, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the applicable recommendations of the Office of Internal Oversight Services are implemented fully by the relevant departments and peacekeeping missions;

5. *Encourages* the Office of Internal Oversight Services to continue to help to ensure better use of the resources of the Organization and to strengthen accountability throughout the Organization;

[1] For resolutions 57/287 A and B, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 49* (A/57/49), vol. I, sect. VI.

[2] See A/57/451.

6. *Notes with concern* the findings of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on problem areas in the functioning and administration of the Investment Management Service of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure full and expeditious implementation of the relevant recommendations of the Office that are of critical importance.

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